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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

December 19, 2016

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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION UPDATES

Economic Development Commission. The first meeting of the EDC will be Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30pm at the Public Safety Building.

Volunteer Openings. Currently there are openings on the following: (2) Conservation Commission, (2) Parks & Recreation Committee, (2) Trust Fund Commission. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

PERSONNEL

Patrol Officer. We had around 35 applicants for the open Patrol Officer Position. This week we hired Quinn Smith as the Town's new Patrol Officer to begin the first of January.

Fire Chief. Paul Rekos has completed his position as Ashburnham Fire Chief on Monday, December 19th.

Interim Fire Chief. We interviewed five interested candidates for the Interim Fire Chief's position. I have appointed John Parow as Ashburnham's Interim Fire Chief term for December 19 through June 30, 2017. Chief Parow served 16 years as Chelmsford's fire chief, served eight months as interim chief in Ipswich, and most recently served 14 months as interim chief in Haverhill. Parow is a nationally recognized expert in his field of fire science. Parow is also an adjunct professor at Anna Maria College in the Fire Science and Management Program. As Interim Fire Chief, Parow will provide the Town with an outside, independent assessment of the department, work on a departmental strategic plan, and help the Town choose the best possible new chief to take the Town and fire department forward.

Permanent Fire Chief. I will be appointing a search committee to begin working the first of the new year. We are hoping to have the Fire Chief position posted after consultation with our Interim Chief, in January/February. Our goal is to have a new Fire Chief begin on July 1, 2017.

PROJECTS

Route 101—TIP. We are working with our consultant's Weston & Sampson to get an updated design complete status and updated project costs to transmit to MRPC for an updated standing on the TIP.

DPW Site. A trailer was delivered to the DPW site on Friday, December 16th. The cost of the Trailer and additional utilities will be paid out of the DPW budget. We will need to calculate the costs and add them to the FY18 budget.

On-Going Projects—No update at this time

- DPW Site
- Meissner Property
- Sherbet Rd Winchendon/Ashburnham Water Line
- Gardner Sewer Memorandum of Understanding